

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric Curtin on 10/24/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 2, line 5, --continuous-- has been inserted in front of "sheet" (second occurrence).

In claim 6, line 5, --continuous-- has been inserted in front of "sheet" (second occurrence).

Claims 11-15 have been cancelled.

In claim 18, line 1, "The system" has been changed to --The vehicle washing system--.

In claim 19, line 1, "The system" has been changed to --The vehicle washing system--.

In claim 19, line 2, "vehicles" has been changed to --the vehicle--.

In claim 19, line 4, "a continuous sheet" has been changed to --the continuous sheet--.

In claim 20, line 1, "The system" has been changed to --The vehicle washing system--.

In claim 21, line 1, "The system" has been changed to --The vehicle washing system--.

In claim 22, line 1, "The system" has been changed to --The vehicle washing system--.

In claim 26, line 1, "The system" has been changed to --The vehicle washing system--.

In claim 27, line 1, "The system" has been changed to --The vehicle washing system--.

In claim 28, line 1, "The system" has been changed to --The vehicle washing system--.

Claims 11-15 to the non-elected invention have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 2/7, 18-22, and 25-28 would be allowable because there is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art of a vehicle washing system comprising the combination of a coating application apparatus applying coating formulation to the vehicle and a water sheet application apparatus applying a continuous sheet of water onto the coating formulation to effect a coating solution, the application apparatus including a chemical injection device to inject carnauba wax into a water supply for the continuous sheet of water.

Claims 3/4, 5, and 8-10 would be allowable because there is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art of a vehicle washing system comprising the combination of a coating application apparatus applying coating formulation onto the vehicle and a water sheet application apparatus applying a sheet of water onto the coating formulation applied to the vehicle to create a coating solution, the water sheet application apparatus including a tank structure, a water supply and a weir attached to said tank structure.

Claim 6 would be allowable because there is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art of a vehicle washing system comprising the combination of a coating application apparatus applying coating formulation onto a vehicle and a water sheet application apparatus applying a continuous sheet of water onto the coating formulation applied to the vehicle to create a coating

solution, the water sheet application apparatus including a chemical injection device to inject a surfactant, a dye and an optical brightening agent into a water supply for said continuous sheet of water.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura Edwards whose telephone number is (571) 272-1227. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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